



## Declaration for Patent Application

Docket Number: 1865.0890000/ALF

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:  
Weather Resistant Porting,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

- ☒ was filed on September 12, 2003;  
as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/660,727; and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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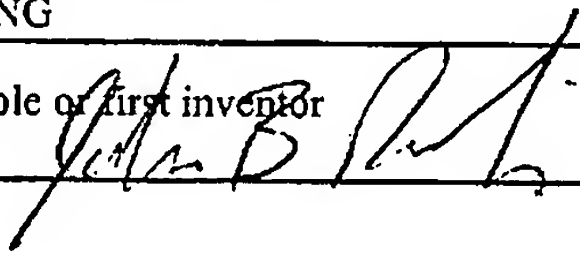
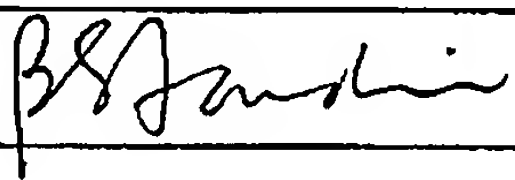

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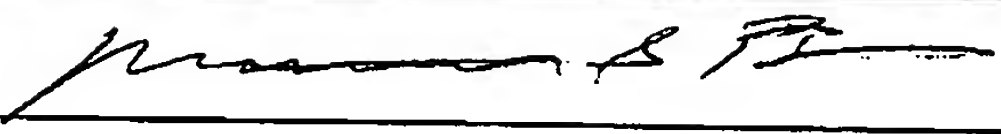
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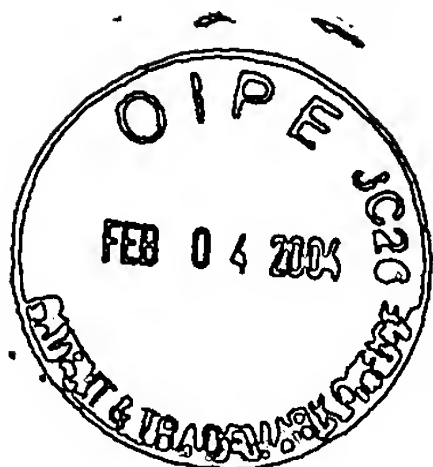
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(Title)

Britannia Investment Corporation, a corporation

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventors: John B. POLING, Bradley M. STAROBIN, Allen S. BARAN, and Matthew S. Polk, Jr., the undersigned inventors hereby sell and assign to Britannia Investment Corporation (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

*check applicable box(es)*

- ☒ for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),  
☒ and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention(s) known as Weather Resistant Porting for which application for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on 1) Jan. 30, 2004; 2) Jan. 30, 2004; 3) Feb. 4, 2004; and 4) Jan. 27, 2004 (also known as United States Application No. 10/660,727, filed September 12, 2003), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

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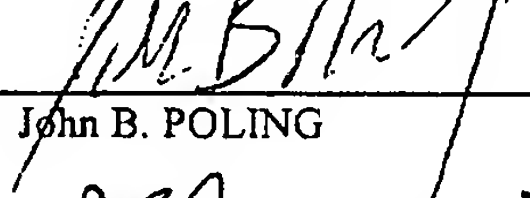


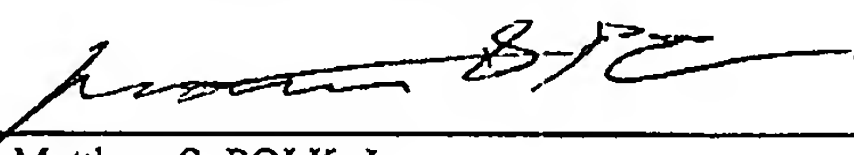
The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventors hereby represent that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventors hereby grant Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esquire, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esquire, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esquire, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esquire, Registration No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esquire, Registration No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esquire, Registration No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esquire, Registration No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esquire, Registration No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esquire, Registration No. 38,759; Linda E. Alcorn, Esquire, Registration No. 39,588; Lawrence B. Bugaisky, Esquire, Registration No. 35,086; Donald J. Featherstone, Esquire, Registration No. 33,876; Robert C. Millonig, Esquire, Registration No. 34,395; Michael V. Messinger, Esq., Registration No. 37,575; Judith U. Kim, Esq., Registration No. 40,679; Timothy J. Shea, Jr., Esq., Registration No. 41,306; and Patrick E. Garrett, Esq., Registration No. 39,987; all of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3934, power to insert in this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventors on the date opposite his/her name.

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Britannia Investment Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 2550 Britannia Boulevard, Suite F, San Diego, CA 92154-7408, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 1) Jan. 30, 2004 ; 2) Jan. 30, 2004 ; 3) Feb. 4, 2004 ; and 4) Jan. 28, 2004 of an invention known as Weather Resistant Porting (Attorney Docket No. 1865.0890000), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors John B. POLING, Bradley M. STAROBIN, Allen S. BARAN, and Matthew S. Polk, Jr. (said application filed on September 12, 2003 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 10/660,727). LGA 2/4/04

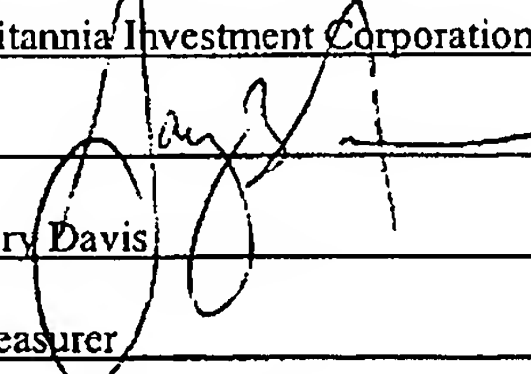
The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys associated with CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393 to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimballa, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588; Lawrence B. Bugaisky, Esq., Reg. No. 35,086; Donald J. Featherstone, Esq., Reg. No. 33,876; Robert C. Millonig, Esq., Reg. No. 34,395; Michael V. Messinger, Esq., Reg. No. 37,575; Judith U. Kim, Esq., Reg. No. 40,679; Timothy J. Shea, Jr., Esq., Reg. No. 41,306; and Patrick E. Garrett, Esq., Reg. No. 39,987. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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